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I. Introduction: This is a Request For Information (RFI) ONLY from Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command (HQ AFSOC) at Hurlburt Field, FL. **THIS IS NOT A SOLICITATION**. Interested firms shall not send proposals in response to this Notice. This notice shall not be construed as a commitment by the Government to issue a solicitation nor does it restrict the Government to a particular acquisition approach.

II. Background:

The Gap Analysis phase of the HQ AFSOC Strategic Planning Process (SPP) Capability-Based Assessment (CBA) produces the FY14 Prioritized Gap List and provides the basis for a data call for potential solutions grounded in the DOTMLPF-P framework. Subsequent analysis of submitted solutions by technical and subject matter experts will be used to develop a way ahead recommendation for each PGL item for presentation to AFSOC leadership.

III. Prioritized Gap List (PGL):

The FY14 PGL contains the Command's most important capability gaps and each entry includes a description of the gap, background information, major components, and their attendant measures of merit. It is a classified document and is currently hosted in electronic form on the SIPRnet to facilitate data manipulation and other required analyses with minimal human-introduced errors. PGL access will be granted to solution providers contingent on completion of the Submission guidance in Section IV below.

IV. Submission Guidance:

Step 1:

- a. Interested solution providers will submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) to HQ AFSOC/A8X. The unclassified NOI shall include a brief (limited to 10 pages in PDF format) Vendor Capability Statement to include the following:
 - 1. Core Competencies
 - 2. Key Personnel
 - 3. Security POC
 - 4. Company and Government Entity (CAGE) Code

- b. In a separate, password protected document, solution providers may submit cleared company representatives (limit to five personnel) requiring SIPRnet access to the PGL. Use this document to identify the following personally identifiable information (PII) for designated company representatives:
 - 1. First Name
 - 2. Last Name
 - 3. SSAN (Needed to verify security clearances)
 - 4. SIPRnet Email Address
 - 5. Telephone Number

NOTE: As an alternative to sending PII, companies may submit clearances via the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS) to the following Security Management Office (SMO) code: EE0VFJHM6. Please enter AFSOC/A8X as the POC.

- c. Providers will answer the following questions to allow AFSOC to determine the degree of foreign involvement/influence in the provider's company:
 - 1. Is the company US owned and US operated?
 - 2. Is the company US owned but foreign controlled?
 - 3. Is the company US owned by foreign affiliated?
 - 4. Is the company foreign owned and foreign affiliated?
 - 5. Is the company a US subsidiary of a foreign company?

NOI unclassified email submittals: AFSOC.SPW.org@hurlburt.af.mil NOI classified email submittals: AFSOC.SPW.org@afsoc.af.smil.mil

NOI normal mail submittals: HQ AFSOC/A8X

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Step 2:

- a. Following a review of the NOI, the Government will notify solution providers of the results of the review. Approved solution providers will be granted access to the PGL via one of two methods:
 - Classified email directly to **one** of the cleared company representatives identified in the company NOI.
 - Classified package (hard copy or soft copy) to a facility within the company cleared to receive, handle, and store classified materials.
 Receiving individual must have a valid security clearance, verified by AFSOC/A8X. Standard procedures for wrapping, mailing, and tracking classified materials will be used.

NOTE: Unapproved solution providers or those providers that cannot meet at least one of the requirements above (a.1. or a.2.) will be dismissed from further participation in the AFSOC Strategic Planning Process.

b. In addition to the PGL, the Government will also provide a solution template to be used to document solution submittals. A separate template should be used for each solution submittal and all submittals should be related to one or more items on the PGL. Discussions with any of the points of contact shall not constitute a commitment by the Government to subsequently fund or award any proposal. Only Contracting Officers are legally authorized to obligate the Government.

Current RFI Open Period:

This RFI will remain open until amended or superseded. All submissions will be accepted and receipt will be acknowledged. Follow-up requests for additional information on specific submittals will be initiated by the Government. The RFI may be reissued and/or amended periodically, as needed.

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